



# Medication Assistance and Delegated Tasks

A learning module developed by the Bureau of Facility Standards to train Residential Care or Assisted Living facility staff.

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- ◆ A delegated task is a task that one person assigns to another person. This module is about tasks that are delegated to you by a licensed nurse. Medication assistance is the most common delegated task.

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- ◆ Delegation of medication assistance by licensed nurses in residential care or assisted living facilities is covered by two sets of state rules.
  - Rules of the Idaho State Board of Nursing
  - Rules for Residential Care or Assisted Living Facilities

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- ◆ Before you can Assist with Medications you need to:
  - Complete an approved training class
  - Have the task delegated to you by a licensed nurse

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- ◆ Requirements for medication assistance in Assisted Living:
  - All residents are assisted with medications unless a licensed professional nurse (RN) has determined they are able to take their medications by themselves.
  - Generally, medications must be given from properly labeled medisets or blister packs.
  - Bulk does can be used if the facility has obtained a variance.



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- ◆ Steps to follow when you assist with medications:
  - Use correct infection prevention procedures.
  - Follow the 6 rights you learned in the Medication Assistance course.
  - Observe the resident taking the medication.

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- ◆ What to do if you make a medication error.
  - Immediately inform the resident, the licensed professional nurse (RN), and your administrator.
  - While the necessary people are being contacted, watch the resident for signs of a reaction.
  - Provide the information needed to complete an incident report.

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- ◆ Things that need to be documented when you assist with medications.
  - Document routine medication assistance.
  - Document all ordered medications refused by residents or not taken with the reason not taken.
  - Document all as-needed (PRN) medications with the reason taken.

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- ◆ Additional documentation related to medications.
  - The facility must maintain an inventory of all narcotic (controlled substances) medications.
  - Unused medications need to be destroyed and the facility needs to have a destruction log.
  - If any medications are kept in a refrigerator, document the storage temperature daily.

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- ◆ In addition to medication assistance, there are other tasks that can be delegated to you by a licensed nurse.

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- ◆ There are certain things the licensed nurse cannot delegate to unlicensed staff.

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